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Desert Mound  
P. O. Box 859  
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September 21, 1983

Mr. James W. Smith, Jr.  
Coordinator of Mined Land Development  
State of Utah Natural Resources  
Department of Oil, Gas and Mining  
4241 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Re: Desert Mound - Mt. Lion  
Act/021/003  
Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 3, 1983, Division Member Tom Tetting and others were given a tour of the Desert Mound, Mountain Lion and Iron Mountain properties of United States Steel Corporation. They had several suggestions pertaining to our reclamation plan and study plots. Their main concern was in the Iron Mountain area and the inclusion of that area in the overall U. S. Steel reclamation plan in Iron County.

It was noted while on the tour of Iron Mountain that a large area surrounding the current disturbance had been disturbed prior to the Act. Also noted was a very substantial growth of vegetation over about a 15-year period since this disturbance leading to the fact that reclamation and vegetation should be fairly simple in the area. Taking this into consideration, the following suggestions are made:

1. As the Black Hawk Project is completed, we will contour the stockpile area along with the loadout area and scarify the haulage road. Also, the area around the crusher base will be smoothed up and scarified. All of the above will be seeded with the approved seed mix. The area around the crusher will be completed as soon as possible this fall and used as a study plot.
2. Due to the small acreage and the simplicity of reclamation, we would prefer to include this area as an attachment to and part of our current reclamation cost. We will work closely with Mr. Tetting to assure you the project will be completed as expeditiously as possible upon completion of activity in the area.

New study plots will be established and soil tests instigated as was suggested in the Mountain Lion area, hopefully with more satisfactory results.

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Please find attached a 400-scale map of Black Hawk fines area. Disturbed area is marked in red.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Benson".

Roy Benson  
U. S. Steel Corporation  
Desert Mound

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Attachment

pc: R. L. Dahl  
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